



**Association of Bay Area Governments  
Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission**

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter  
101 Eighth Street  
P.O. Box 2050  
Oakland, CA 94607-4756  
(510) 464-7942  
fax: (510) 433-5542  
tedd@abag.ca.gov  
[abag.ca.gov/jointpolicy/](http://abag.ca.gov/jointpolicy/)

## **Joint Policy Committee/Regional Planning Program**

Date: January 9, 2006

To: Joint Policy Committee

From: Regional Planning Program Director

Subject: San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission Participation on the Joint Policy Committee

---

The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) has formally requested membership in the Joint Policy Committee. A letter from BCDC's Executive Director reporting a unanimous Commission decision to that effect is attached.

Full BCDC membership on the JPC, including voting privileges, will require a change in state legislation. Incorporating BCDC into the Committee will likely also require some reconsideration of the JPC's total size and the number of representatives from each member agency. There are currently two vacancies on the JPC as the result of members resigning their appointments to the ABAG Executive Board and the Air District Board. An MTC vacancy is expected in February.

It is appropriate to consider this matter at the March JPC, after the membership of the JPC's existing constituent Boards and Commission has been stabilized and before replacement members are appointed to the JPC. In the interim, the JPC has invited BCDC to participate in the Committee's consideration of climate change.

### **I RECOMMEND:**

- A. THAT staff report back in March on options for reconfiguring the JPC's size and composition and on a legislative proposal to incorporate BCDC as a full voting member should that be the Committee's desire;
- B. THAT the JPC request its existing member agencies to withhold the appointment of replacement Committee members until the issue of JPC composition and size is resolved.



*Making San Francisco Bay Better*

December 7, 2006

Mark Ross, Chair  
Joint Policy Committee  
MetroCenter  
101 Eighth Street  
Oakland, CA 94607-4756

ATTENTION: Ted Droettboom

Dear Mr. Ross:

I am pleased to inform you that our Commission unanimously decided today to request that BCDC be invited to participate as a member of the Joint Policy Committee. Our Commissioners concluded that BCDC's participation on the JPC would advance a number of objectives in BCDC's strategic plan, which call for greater collaboration with other regional agencies to address critical issues such as climate change, regional sustainability, transportation, air quality and natural resource protection.

We recognize that BCDC's participation may initially present some organizational difficulties in that the current membership of the JPC is established by State law. Because we believe the Joint Policy Committee provides a critical forum at which BCDC and the other agencies can gain a better understanding of each other's work and can foster the development of consistent policy on regional issues, we are open to participating in whatever manner the JPC feels would be most effective.

Please let me know how we can most constructively proceed on this matter.

Sincerely,

WILL TRAVIS  
Executive Director